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1. PRESS TODAY CARRIED STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA RESPONDING TO GENERAL AMIN'S ALLEGATIONS NYERERE AND KAUNDA SUPPORTING OBOTE IN UGANDA INVASION PLANS. MWAANGA SAID: SUCH ALLEGATIONS ONLY HELP CREATE UNNECESSARY TENSION AT TIME WHEN ALL EFFORT SHOULD BE ON MAKING AFRICAN UNITY A REALITY. "PRESIDENT KAUNDA IS ONE OF BEST KNOWN DISCIPLES OF PEACE IN WORLD AND IT UTTER NONSENSE AND MISCHIEVOUS FOR HIM TO BE ACCUSED OF PLANNING AN INVASION ON UGANDA." RESPONSIBLE AFRICAN LEADERS SHOULD ENGAGE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE TO ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS AND NOT IN PRESS STATEMENTS. SUCH PRESS STATEMENTS MAY HAVE TEMPORARY DOMESTIC ADVANTAGE BUT THEY ONLY SERVE INTERESTS OF ENEMIES OF AFRICA. "ZAMBIA HAS, IS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES." ENEMIES OF

AFRICA HAVE BEEN USING ALL KINDS OF TACTICS TO UNDERMINE ZAMBIAN STABILITY. "ZAMBIA, THEREFORE, FORMALLY AND CATEGORICALLY REJECTS AMIN'S INDECENT ASSAULT ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA."

2. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL SAID FIRST REACTION TO AMIN'S ALLEGATIONS WAS AMUSEMENT, BUT REPETITION OF "THE BIG LIE" IN WORLD HEADLINES CAUSED CONCERN. "WHOLE SHAMELESS AFFAIR, WHICH MUST STAND AS CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF HOW TO HOODWINK THE WORLD, STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH WITH STAGE-MANAGED COURT CASE IN KAMPALA IN WHICH ONE AMBUBABAI ASUMANI (ALLEGED TO BE ZAMBIAN CITIZEN) SAID TO HAVE ADMITTED TO SPYING FOR OBOTE." WHILE AMIN, WHO DOES NOT GIVE IMPRESSION HE BELIEVES IN GENUINE AFRICAN UNITY, ARMING UGANDA TO THE HILT FOR UNKNOWN PURPOSES, ZAMBIA HAS BEEN LOCKED IN STRUGGLE WITH WHITE-RULED SOUTH AND HELPING TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES. "IT QUITE OBVIOUS PY HE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS PRESENT FABRICATION, GENERAL AMIN WILL RESORT TO DESPERATE MEASURES TO PROVE HIMSELF RIGHT. WE HOPE FORCES OF PEACE WILL NOT HESITATE TO TELL GENERAL AMIN HE NOT ONLY DOING AFRICA HARM BUT HE BEHAVING IN MANNER WHICH DISCREDITS AFRICA AS A WHOLE WITH HIS CHRONIC FABRICATIONS OF IMAGINARY INVASION."

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